

WCBS-TV Quarterly Issues/Program Report – 1st Quarter April 10, 2021

Attached are the listings of broadcast segments and stories that reflect Channel 2's significant programming treatment of ascertained community issues during the preceding three-month period.

Time period of day, day of week, source and format descriptions follow the first appearance of the broadcast name. Date references refer to broadcast days. All times given are approximate.

Programs

CBS 2 News This Morning, CBS 2 News at Noon, CBS 2 News at 5:00, CBS 2 News at 6:00, CBS 2 News at 11:00, CBS 2 News Saturday, CBS 2 News Sunday - Regularly scheduled news broadcasts focusing on current issues and events.

CBSN New York, 24/7 direct-to-consumer services that stream anchored news coverage and live breaking news events.

60 Minutes - Regularly scheduled one-hour weekly broadcast featuring in-depth interviews and reports of various lengths and topics. Sunday, 7 - 8 p.m.

Face the Nation - Regularly scheduled half hour news broadcast featuring reports and interviews with government leaders, politicians, and international figures in the news. Sunday, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

48 Hours – Regularly scheduled news broadcast. Saturday, 10 - 11 p.m.

“Health Watch” – features of varying lengths focusing on health related issues, the latest in medical research and treatments, and other health related topics.

“Money Watch” – features of varying lengths focusing on the latest in the economy along with tips and ways to save money.

Public Service Announcements- WCBS-TV continues its tradition of airing and sponsoring PSAs. PSAs in rotation stem from various organizations that include topics such as, American Heart Month, Black History Month, and Women's History Month.

Health: Topics in this category include mainly COVID-19 vaccinations and mental health.

CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING: 3/29 CBS 2's John Dias tells us that New Jersey is expanding COVID-19 vaccine eligibility, with frontline workers in a number of categories getting their shots. This comes as the state is preparing its largest vaccine hub to open in a few days. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM** 3/1 CBS2's Dr. Max Gomez tells us all that we need to know about the Johnson & Johnson vaccine shot. Nearly 4 million doses of the vaccine were on their way to vaccination sites around the country, and the company says 20 million doses will be available by the end of this month and 100 million by the end of June. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is the third authorized COVID-19 shot, along with Moderna and Pfizer. Its the first one that requires just one shot and can be stored in standard refrigerators.

Government and Politics: Topics in this category include: Policing in New York City

CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM 1/14 CBS2's Marcia Kramer tells us that state Attorney General Letitia James filed a federal lawsuit asking a judge to appoint an outside monitor to police the agency and oversee training and discipline. New Yorkers have seen and been appalled by the videos showing bystanders sprayed with pepper spray and a squad car driving into a crowd of protesters. James said those and many more occurrences were civil rights violations. She filed suit in federal court to force the NYPD to change both its training and discipline. She doesn't think that Mayor Bill de Blasio or Police Commissioner Dermot Shea should be the ones to enact change. **CBS 2 NEWS SATURDAY NIGHT AT 11:00 PM** CBS2's Andrea Grymes tells us that after voting to end qualified immunity for police officers, the New York City Council passes several more bills designed to reform the NYPD after widespread protests against police brutality. The package of police legislation will either improve the department or hamper it, depending on who you ask. The package includes five bills, which Mayor Bill de Blasio plans to sign into law. He said he supports it because the city would be financially liable, not the officer.

Education: Topics in this category include: drop in college applications and welcoming students back into school buildings after remote learning during the height of the pandemic.

CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON: 2/25 CBS2's John Dias reports that New York City public middle schools welcomed students back into the classroom for the first time in months. Nearly 62,000 students in grades six through eight who chose in-person learning returned after temperature checks and health screenings. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM:** 1/26 CBS2's Carolyn Gusoff reports that the State University of New York system has lost a fifth of its prospective students. It is the largest one-year drop ever in its college applications. Its chancellor says the drop off signals a time to rethink higher education. Falling enrollment is not only a SUNY problem, it's a national one. 3/9 CBS2's Hazel Sanchez tells us that a major lawsuit was filed claiming New York's school system is segregated and harming children. A group of students and advocates are suing the city and the state for a more inclusive education system. Among their demands is for the city to eliminate the "Gifted and Talented" program and middle and high school admission screening. They argue that the city's current process is racially discriminatory and its curriculum marginalizes people of color, adding an education that identifies and dismantles racism is their constitutional right.

Consumer: Topics in this category include: air bag recalls, Hot Pocket recalls, and the reopening of movie theaters.

CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON: 1/20 Chris Wragge tells us about another Takata airbag recall. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is forcing Ford and Mazda to recall about three million vehicles because of potentially dangerous airbag inflators. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 11:00PM:** 2/15 CBS2's Maurice DuBois tells us that Mercedes-Benz is recalling close to 1.3 million vehicles over a problem with their emergency call system. The company says a glitch in its eCall software could send first responders to the wrong location after an accident. **CBS 2 NEWS SATURDAY MORNING:** 3/6 CBS2's John Dias tells us that theaters can reopen at 25% capacity, with no more than 50 people per screen at a time. Masks and social distancing are required, except when eating or drinking, and seats will be assigned. **CBS 2 NEWS SATURDAY NIGHT AT 11:00 P.M.:** 1/6 Jessica Moore tells us that Nestle Prepared Foods is recalling certain pepperoni Hot Pockets that may be contaminated with pieces of glass and hard plastics. 2/13 CBS2's Dave Carlin tells us that New York City restaurants are welcoming diners back inside for the first time in months. Now capacity indoors is set at 25%, and before the weekend is over, hours get extended from the current 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. A decline in the

COVID-19 positivity rate and hospitalizations is why Cuomo eased restrictions, but he stopped short of extending the restaurant hours to midnight, which many restaurant owners were pushing for.

Crime: Topics in this category include: anti-Asian hate crimes and subway attacks.

CBS 2 NEWS AT 11:00 PM: 2/24 CBS2's Ali Bauman tells us that a woman was attacked with pepper spray in Manhattan, the latest in a concerning string of assaults against Asian New Yorkers. Kim was walking home from work around 6:30 p.m. on February 16th when a car pulled up beside her on West Houston by Mercer Street. Police believe that the passenger shot pepper spray directly into Kim's eyes. The car drove away, and Kim raced home, in pain and in tears. 3/22 CBS2's Natalie Duddridge tells us that the NYPD announced the arrest of 36-year-old Marc Mathieu of the Bronx in the random attack on a 68-year-old man on a northbound 1 train. One witness to the bloody assault called the incident a hate crime and that the attacker struck so suddenly. The witness grabbed the suspect by the pants, but he got away. **CBS 2 NEWS SATURDAY NIGHT AT 11:00 P.M.** 2/27 CBS2's Andrea Grymes reports that charges have been upgraded against a man accused of stabbing a 36-year-old Asian man in the back. Salman Muflihi, 23, is now facing attempted murder as a hate crime, sources say. He was originally charged with attempted criminal negligence homicide, assault, forgery and possession of a weapon. Police said the 36-year-old victim is fighting for his life in critical condition. The victim was last reported to be in a medically induced coma. After the attack, Muflihi allegedly turned himself in to the district attorney's office and confessed. 3/27 CBS2's Ali Bauman reports that a teen was killed and another teen was critically injured in a shooting in Monsey. It happened around 3:15 p.m. at an apartment complex near Monsey Boulevard and Fletcher Road. Spring Valley Police say officers were sent to the area for a report of shots fired. When they arrived, they found two male victims who had both been shot multiple times.